Shortage of University Special Buses for Delhi University

1553. SHRI JAGANNATH SINGH : Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are aware of the inadequate University special buses of the D. T. C. for Delhi University students;

(b) whether it is a fact that the students of the Delhi University have staged Dharna against inadequate bus facility; and

(c) if so, what action Government have taken or propose to take to mitigate the difficulties of the students ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER) : (a) to (c) DTC are presently providing 930 U. special trips daily to and from various Colleges situated in the city including the University complex and South Delhi Campus. In addition to this the facility of all route students monthly concessional pass is also provided to the students, so that they can travel in its ordinary buses also.

It has come to the notice of the Govt. that a section of the students community staged Dharna outside the Police Headquarters on 5-11-92 demanding more U. Special trips. DTC have noted the demands of the students made during the Apex Co-ordination Committee meeting for diversion/extension/rationalisation of the U Specials presently operating. Due to fleet constraints the DTC are not in a position to provide more U Special trips to the students.

Commercial Exploitation of Surplus Land at Major Ports

1554. SHRI SURESH KALMADI : Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government propose to throw open surplus land belonging to all the major ports in the country for commercial exploitation by the private sector; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER) : (a) and (b) No, Sir. Presently there is no such proposal. However, in case of Calcutta Port Trust (CPT), it is envisaged to develop about 81 acres of surplus land in association with M/s. Indian Road Construction Corporation (IRCC) which is a Public Sector Undertaking. The scheme will be self sustaining and revenue generating for port development.

Toll bases facilities on National Highways

1555. SHRI SURESH KALMADI : Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government propose to involve the private and Public sector in the construction, maintenance and operation of toll bases facilities on the National Highways; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER) : (a) and (b) The Government has been contemplating to involve private sector in construction, maintenance and operation of fee based facilities on National Highways. To elicit views in regard to private participation, a seminar was organised in January, 1992 with respresentatives from private sector, financial institutions, State Government etc. A study on various aspects of privatisation under assistance of Asian Development Bank, has also been got completed recently. Keeping in view these development, the incentives proposed to be given to the Private Sector in respect of various obligations are yet to be finalised by the Government.

Need of Expressways in the Country

1556. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI : Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have estimated that nearly 5000 kms. of expressways are expected to be needed in various corridors by the turn of the century to cope with the increasing traffic in the country;